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FOR TIPI-42 BERNARD A. RAMUNDO

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: FELIX/BINDER MEETING

REF: MEXICO 4182

1. EMBASSY TCO MET ON MAY 21, 1975 WITH UNDERSECRETARY OF PUBLIC WORKS FELIX AND DAVID AMATO (PRESENT IN HIS CAPACITY AS COUNSELOR TO THE SECRETARIAT OF PUBLIC WORKS, SOP). ITEMS DISCUSSED WERE NEXT MEETING OF FELIX WITH DOT ASSISTANT SECRETARY BINDER AND BROWNSVILLE MATAMOROS PROPOSAL.

2. FELIX READY TO MEET WITH BINDER ANY TIME BEFORE SEPTEMBER. HOWEVER, HE FEELS THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO MEETING UNLESS THERE IS AN AGENDA CONTAINING OTHER THAN JUST A REHASH OF PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED ITEMS. POSSIBILITIES INCLUDE: (1) DISCUSSION OF FURTHER SYSTEMATIC INTERCHANGE OF DATA; (2) SETTING UP A PROGRAM OF VISITS BY MEXICAN OFFICIALS AND TECHNICIANS TO U.S. HIGHWAY RESEARCH LABORATORIES. VISITS BY U.S. OFFICIALS TO MEXICAN LABORATORIES WOULD ALSO TAKE PLACE; (3) EXCHANGE OF VISITS BY OTHER OFFICIALS AND TECHNICIANS IN OTHER AREAS COVERED BY THE RESPECTIVE ORGANIZATIONS.

3. FELIX SEES NO REASON TO DISCUSS THE BROWNSVILLE/
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MATAMOROS PROPOSAL UNTIL THERE ARE NEW DEVELOPMENTS -

PRESUMABLY THE SHORTLY TO BE PRESENTED DOT STUDY. FELIX CONTINUES TO SAY THAT FERROCARRILES NACIONALES DE MEXICO (NDEM) IS THE MAJOR OBSTACLE AT THIS POINT, AND THAT THEY MUST BE CONVINCED OF THE NECESSITY FOR THE PROJECT. FELIX DID SAY THAT THE PROPOSAL COULD BE DISCUSSED AT THE NEXT MEETING OF PROGRAM COORDINATORS, IF THE STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS WERE AVAILABLE.

4. AMATO CONTINUES TO INSIST THAT A SPECIAL TRIP BY BINDER TO MEXICO CITY IS NECESSARY TO MAKE A BREAKTHROUGH ON THE BROWNSVILLE/MATAMOROS PROPOSAL. HE FEELS THAT THIS WILL RESULT IN DISCUSSIONS WITH SOP SECRETARY BRACAMONTES, AND PERHAPS WITH NDEM GENERAL MANAGER LUIZ GOMEZ Z. TCO HAS NO INDICATION THAT THIS IN FACT WILL OCCUR, BUT AMATO INSISTS THAT HIS SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP GIVES HIM SPECIAL INSIGHTS.

5. AMATO INFORMED TCO MAGNANIMOUSLY THAT HE WOULD SEE TO IT THAT TCO WOULD RECEIVE INVITATION TO ATTEND FUTURE MEETINGS OF PROGRAM COORDINATORS. HE ALSO DISPLAYED COPIES OF CORRESPONDENCE FROM BRACAMONTES TO SECRETARY COLEMAN AND FROM FELIX TO BINDER.

6. IN ORDER TO ASSURE THAT THE EMBASSY CAN PROPERLY REPRESENT DOT INTERESTS IN MEXICO, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INCLUDED AS INFO ADDRESSEE ON DOT CORRESPONDENCE TO GOM, INCLUDING AMATO (AS EMPLOYEE OF GOM), AND BEING INFORMED OF OFFICIAL TRAVEL TO MEXICO OF HIGH LEVEL DOT OFFICIALS.

7. PLEASE ADVISE DATES PREFERRED BY BINDER FOR MEETING AND SUGGESTED AGENDA. EMBASSY WILL THEN PROVIDE THIS INFORMATION TO FELIX.
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